13th August 1954]

Construction of a masonry bridge across Sengal Odai near Koovathur, Udaiyarpalayam taluk.

* 1363 *Q.*—

MR. SPEAKER :—" The hon. Member Sri K. R. Viswanathan is not in his place. The answer to the question will be printed in the proceedings."

SRI K. R. VISWANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state with reference to the answer to question No. 1299, dated 30th July 1953—

(*a*) whether the investigation of the scheme of constructing a masonry dam across Sengal Odai near Koovathur in Andimadam Firka, Udayarpalayam taluk, has been completed ; and

(*b*) if so, what further action has been taken since then?

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" (*a*) & (*b*) No. The question whether lower riparian rights will be affected is being examined by the Collector and hence further action in the matter will be taken only after a decision is reached in this regard."

* 1364 *Q.*—

SRI A RATNAM :—" கனம் சபாநாயகர் அவர்களே, இந்தப் பிரச்னையைப்பற்றி விவாதிப்பதற்கு அரை மணி நேரம் அனுமதிக்கப்பட்டிருக்கிறது. எனவே, இன்று மாலை இதுவிஷயமாக விவாதிப்பதற்கு அரை மணி நேரம் அனுமதிக்கவேண்டுமென்று கேட்டுக்கொள்கின்றேன்."

MR. SPEAKER :—" Let the question be first answered." 10-50 a.m.

Construction of platforms for the removal of untouchability.

SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of plinths so far constructed in the State for the removal of untouchability ;

(*b*) the approximate cost per plinth and the total amount spent in March 1954;

(*c*) the amount sanctioned for the construction of such plinths in 1954–55 ; and

(*d*) whether any social functions have taken place on the plinths and how the plinths have benefited the cause of removal of untouchability?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" (*a*) 583 platforms.

" (*b*) Rs. 340 a platform.
Total cost—Rs. 1,88,075.

" (*c*) No amount has yet been sanctioned for 1954–55.

" (*d*) No social functions have so far been held on these platforms. Whether the platforms actually help the cause of removal of untouchability can be ascertained only after the platforms are put to use."